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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Superstition of the Chinese Nar-
cissus or White Lily.

MEANS GOOD OR BAD LUCK

Some of the Features Connected With
the Celebration of the Chinese New
Year, Showing the Superstiti-
ons of the People.

Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 31.
Editor The Morning Astorian:
Inclosed find a composition which
was written by Jessie Fong, a Chin-
aman. I have heard from him. He is
attending the Portland high school.
HUNG KING.

One of the most striking features
of the celebration is the Chinese nar-
cissus or sacred lily. If it is a mass
of snowy bloom we shall have "good
luck" throughout the year; if one is to
have the favor of the Chinese gods,
this lily must bloom before the Chinese
New Year. As the bloom wills it, so
is our "luck" for the year.

Large quantities of the bulbs of
these flowers are grown in the south-
ern part of China. When taken into
the house they are usually arranged
in a shallow dish of our own pattern
and design with a few pebbles about
them to keep them upright in the dish,
which is filled with water and placed
in a sunny window. The Chinese pre-
sent all their friends with lily bulbs
before the New Year. The receiver
watches very closely for the shooting
of the blade-like leaves, the forming of
the tender buds and the bursting of the
six petals, white stars, with their
cups of gold. This must appear before
the first week in February of the En-
glish calendar, at which time the great
celebration begins.

There is the legend which gave us
the love for these lilies: Many years
ago there lived a rich mandarin who
had two sons. When his father died
and left all his property to the sons to
share equally, the elder son was dis-
honest and robbed his brother of near-
ly all of his portion, leaving the poor

younger son only the barren land, and
practically worthless land. The un-
fortunate brother asked the Great
Spirit to help him to prosperity. The
next day he arose and saw the un-
productive land transformed to a land
of New Year's lilies, all in bloom. When
this magic species was seen on
earth, people flocked from all parts of
the country to buy the magic flowers,
and the son who had been dispossessed
of his rights was now richer than his
unjust brother.

Hence these beautiful lilies are full of
meaning, and for that reason are dis-
played about the Chinese quarter dur-
ing the holiday week.

The first week of festivity is intro-
duced by a great din of exploding fire-
crackers which are arranged on a
string from ten to twenty feet in
length, suspended from the top of a
building and ignited in a wholesale
fashion that makes the Astorian boy
green with envy. During its week the
celebration continues the Chinese mer-
chant transacts no business, but gives
himself up entirely to the proper ob-
servance of the greater annual holiday
in the calendar of the flowery kingdom.

According to the custom of our coun-
try the Chinese greet one another on
New Year's day with "Gong Hee Sun
Ning," or Happy New Year, the salu-
tation of voice accompanied by a low
bow, made with the hands clasped to-
gether in front of the body. The visit-
or who calls has a card of red paper
four by ten inches in size with his
name on it. This he presents to the
one he visits, and at the same time the
receiver returns his card and says "Sun
sun ge ye, yu feed yu dop" or Freely
receive, freely give.

In the store the air is heavy with
odors of burning incense wax candles,
sandalwood, and all sizes of punk. At
the Joss house special services in honor
of the occasion are held from early
until late. Music sounds everywhere.
Even his Satanic majesty can not
stand so much noise. Every one re-
joices. And there seems no end to the sky
And the time is eternity
And the heart is over there
For the common deeds of the common
day
Are ringing their bells in the far away.

JESSIE FONG.

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step. We now carry at our branch
store in the Flavel brick building on
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Union Banquet.

Members of all labor unions are re-
spectfully invited to attend a banquet
given under the auspices of the Car-
penters and Joiners Union of Astoria
in Logan's hall on Friday evening,
February 3. All are requested to pre-
sent working cards or badges at the
door in order to gain admission.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATION:

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Schedule of quartermaster steamer
Howard for the month of February,
1905:

Date	Leave Astoria, A. M.	Leave Ft. Stevens, A. M.	Leave Astoria, P. M.	Leave Ft. Stevens, P. M.
Thursday 2d..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
*Saturday 4th..	8:30	11:30	2:45	4:00
Tuesday 7th..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Thursday 9th..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Saturday 11th..	8:00	10:15	*2:30	5:15
Tuesday 14th..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Thursday 16th..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Saturday 18th..	8:00	11:00	2:45	4:00
Tuesday 21st..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Thursday 23d..	8:00	10:15	2:45	4:00
Saturday 25th..	8:00	10:15	*2:30	5:15
*Tuesday 28th..	7:00	10:15	2:45	4:00

Trips marked * include Ft. Canby,
Wash.
Tuesday and Thursday mornings the
boat will lay at Ft. Columbia wharf
for one hour. Subject to change.

The boat will leave Astoria Mondays
and Wednesdays for Ft. Stevens and
Ft. Columbia at 8 a. m. Returning,
leave Ft. Stevens at 10 a. m., remain-
ing at Ft. Stevens until 9:40.

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